

Stonington May 23.

Wednesday eve.

9 o'clock.

My Dear Mary,

You will be as rejoiced to hear as I to write that M. has certainly been very much more comfortable to day than any day since we arrived here. She had the leeches applied this morning and they relieved her very much & she was extremely quiet & still all the forenoon. This afternoon she was more restless but since dark seems composed again. Dr. Hyde speaks of her encouragingly. This morning she sat up for 10 or 15 minutes, long enough to have her bed made & her clothes changed & her hair cut off. I felt grieved at this last for an instant, but it was but for an instant for I thought the feeling a painful one; to mourn for the loss of her hair when her life was spared. She must be much more comfortable without it, for the weight of it as I have even said. She has taken all her things well to day, & has expressed likes & dislikes as to food &c. The pulse now begins to annoy her more & more; this we take for an indication of improvement. Her mind appears to dwell less on exciting events and abstract questions & more on little things, as her sleep, pain &c. She answers questions and gives the Dr. some notion as to her state. I cannot but hope that ^{it} will not be long before we leave here.

They know me to do so are much as cannot be attended. Why do
you not write me this morning? I feel awfully when I
write up in that little pretty pen (I can see no better in
George's) & found you gone, but I had nothing else to say.
Caroline will write to D. at a later hour & perhaps be there
also to tell you the exact state of things. I am feeling quite

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To you all & the amount very anxious
to continue to live at D. very much
& Mrs Allen has very well. Give this to
her, I am sure, who has been a while
since then we even I think, ever since
A. M. W.

well myself & am going to bed with the illness to my
in the 'house' to show her. Mary is very much, as I
can find it will not be very long before we meet
again. By great friends our mother's health is quite
better, we & shall be very near in future. My love to all you.